

REMARKS

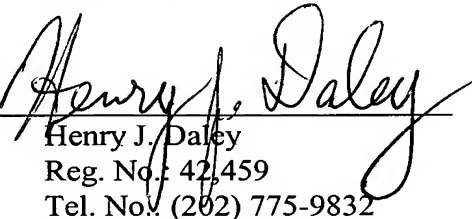
Entry and consideration of the above amendments prior to a first Official Action on the merits are respectfully requested.

Claims 16-41 are pending in the Application. Claims 1-15 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

An early and favorable first Action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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